

MEMORANDUM

TO: Clinical Laboratories

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Laboratory Director

DATE: June 18, 2019

SUBJECT: Discontinuation of VDRL Testing

This memo is to inform you of changes to the Immunoserology testing menu at Tennessee Department of Health, Laboratory Services (TDHLS). As of June 30, 2019, TDHLS will no longer perform VDRL testing for Syphilis. The discontinuation of this testing is a result of efforts to comply with the Governor's priority for fiscal strength and efficient government. By eliminating costs associated with maintaining low volume tests, we can focus our priorities on laboratory testing that is more beneficial to the people of Tennessee.

You may still submit serum and whole blood specimens for Syphilis testing via Rapid Plasma Reagin (RPR). If you have any questions, please contact Lindsay Jolly, Immunoserology Supervisor at 615-262-6375 or lindsay.jolly@tn.gov.